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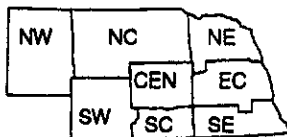
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WEATHER

Temperatures in the west and north central averaged six degrees below normals while the remainder of the state averaged three degrees below normals. Precipitation occurred across the state in the form of rain or snow with amounts ranging from traces to around an inch and a half.

GENERAL

Snow and rainfall early in the week delayed fieldwork activities over two-thirds of the State, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The northwest and southwest districts were most affected by the harvest delaying weather; however, by midweek, producers in many areas were able to return to their fieldwork activities. Producer activities included harvesting fall crops, harvesting sugar beets in the Panhandle, after-harvest tillage, applying fertilizer, and moving some cattle onto available stalk fields.

CROPS

Corn harvest made excellent progress last week despite snow and rain delays. Statewide, harvest was rated at 63% complete, compared with 75% last year and the five-year average of 65%. Sustained winds of 25-40 miles per hour were experienced on Monday and again on Friday

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in many areas. This encouraged lodging of stalks and droppage of ears. Limited harvest progress occurred in the Panhandle and southwest due to wet conditions.

Soybean harvest was 99% complete by week's end. This is ahead of both last year's 96% and 97% for the five-year average. As in past weeks, reporters indicate a higher percentage of green beans due to the early frost.

Sorghum harvest made excellent progress last week to 99% cut to date. This completion rate remained ahead of last year's 84% and 70% for the five-year average. However, about one-fourth of the crop remained to be harvested in central counties.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 3% poor, 32% fair, 61% good, and 4% excellent. Moisture received across north and southwest districts should benefit the crop. However, the southeastern district indicated that moisture is needed to help crop growth.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition was rated at 2% very poor, 12% poor, 34% fair, 47% good, and 5% excellent. Producer activities included weaning calves and moving cows to stalk fields. Hay moving activities were active where possible.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 29, 1995	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	22	64	58	62	73	31	67	84	63	34	75	65
% Sorghum Harvested	0	100	100	74	98	100	100	99	99	77	84	70
% Soybeans Harvested	0	97	100	96	99	100	100	99	99	92	96	97
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 27, 1995												
Days suitable	3.3	2.9	4.7	4.4	6.5	2.8	5.6	6.4	4.7	7.0	6.9	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	0	0	14	0	2	3	3	5	0	
(Percent) - Short	6	5	5	12	44	12	39	93	27	37	16	
- Adequate	90	47	85	72	41	86	59	4	59	58	83	
- Surplus	4	48	10	16	1	2	0	0	11	0	1	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	0	0	15	3	10	14	5	5	0	
(Percent) - Short	12	2	25	41	44	10	41	77	31	29	18	
- Adequate	84	62	75	59	40	87	49	9	58	66	80	
- Surplus	4	36	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	2	

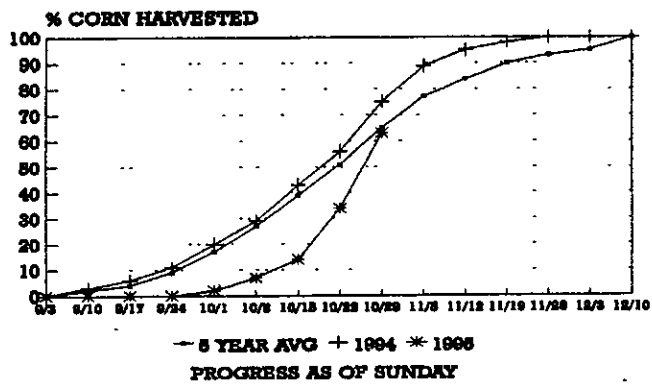
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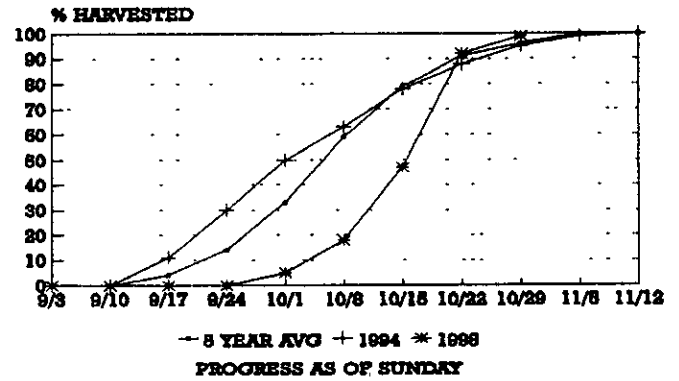
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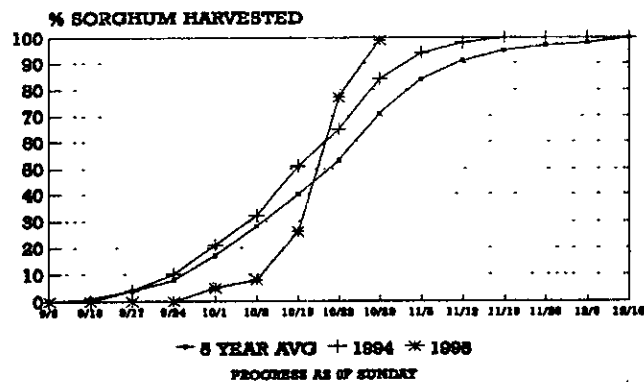
CORN HARVESTED FOR GRAIN



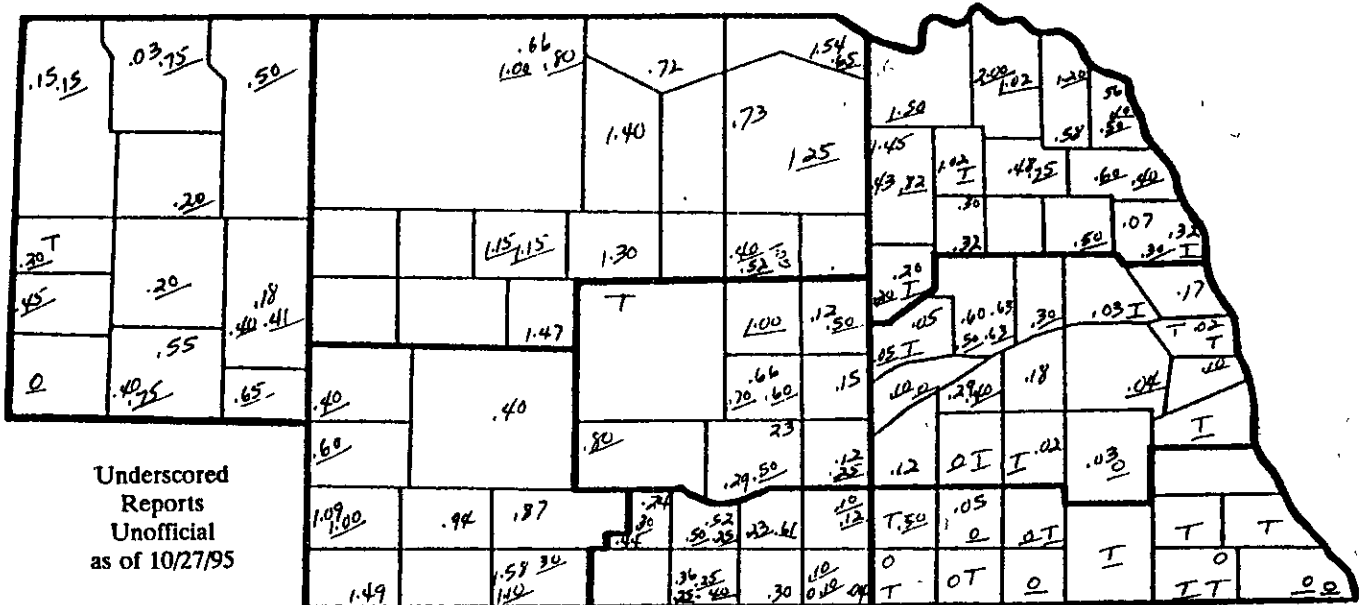
SOYBEANS HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES



SORGHUM HARVESTED FOR GRAIN



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1995.



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1995

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	62	19	40	---	.03
Scottsbluff	66	17	40	-6	T
Sidney	62	19	39	---	---
NC Valentine	55	14	38	-7	.66
NE Norfolk	68	28	44	-3	.30
Sioux City	67	29	44	-3	.56
CEN Grand Island	66	28	45	-3	.12
Ord	63	25	43	---	---
EC Lincoln	67	29	47	-2	.03
Omaha	66	31	46	-3	.02
SW Imperial	64	19	42	---	---
North Platte	60	17	39	-6	.40